9.	Kerala	291660	195283	486943
10.	Madhya Pradesh	364895	127408	492303
11.	Maharashtra (including Goa & MTNL Bombay)	1570642	255648	1826290
12.	North East (including Aurnachal Pradesh, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur)	38206	176099	56005
13.	Orissa	105857	26902	132759
14.	Punjab	315617	51845	367462
15.	Rajasthan	274279	75166	349445
16.	Tamil Nadu (including Madras Telephone district)	621307	101340	722647
17.	Uttar Pradesh	517497	92857	610354
18.	West Bengal (including Calcutta Telephones & Sikkim)	435757	21118	456875
19.	Andaman Nicobar	2140	1243	3383
20.	Delhi (MTNL)	875582	19787	895369
		7445947	1508623	8954570

Uniform Telephone Directories for the Country

2402. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether uniform telephone directories would be produced around the country;

(b) whether any programme has been drawn up to being out standard telecom directories on a regular schedule;

(c) whether it is a fact that Directory Information is not regularly available; and

(d) what steps are proposed to ensuft that telecom directories come out on a regular basis, with compreshensive information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Telephone Directories are *to* be printed in respect of all secondary switching areas (SSAS) every year. The directories of telephone districts headed by Telecom District Manager and above are printed with yellow pages through contractor whereas the directories of Telecom Districts (headed by Telephone District Engineer) are printed without yellow pages departmentally.

(c) Yes, Sir. The publication of telephone directories has been delayed in quite a few cases due to delay in finaiisation of tenders and award of contract and failure on the part of contractors to supply on time. However, the directory information is updated regularly and is available on directory information service free of charge.

(d) Constant interaction is maintained with field units and instructions reiterated from time to time so that telephone directories are brought out every year.